

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed April 12, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Specification Objections

The specification has been objected to for containing omitting a reference to a further patent application. In response to the objection, Applicant has amended the specification to provide the missing reference. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification is not objectionable, and therefore respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Objections

Claim 31 has been objected for having a non-descriptive preamble. In response to the objection, Applicant has amended claim 31 to describe the claimed "system" as a "messaging system". In view of that claim amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not objectionable and respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant notes that claim 2 has been amended through this Response. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the rejection is moot as having been drawn against claim 2 in a previous form.

Regarding the Examiner's comments as to "sending" and "intercepting" messages, a message sent to an entity (e.g., network service) can be intercepted in the same manner that a pass thrown "to" a receiver can be intercepted. In particular, that a message is "sent to" an entity does not necessarily mean that the message is actually received by that entity. Hence, interception by another entity is possible.

In view of the above, it is respectfully asserted that the claims define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to claim 2 be withdrawn.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kaler* (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0199586).

As indicated above, each of Applicant's remaining independent claims has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against Applicant's claims in another form. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant further notes for the record that *Kaler* at least does not teach "intercepting a request" and storing "in a session timing profile" information about the request "including a name of the client, a name of the network service, and a request sent time identifying when the request was sent by the client" as provided in claim 1.

Similarly, Kaler at least does not teach “intercepting a request” and storing “in a session timing profile” information about the request “including a name of the client, a name of the network service, and a request received time identifying when the request was received” as provided in claim 13. Although Kaler teaches storage of “session information,” Kaler does not describe storage of identities of the source and destination and the sent or received time in a session timing profile.

Regarding claim 25, Kaler also at least does not teach “logic configured to store in a session timing profile information about the message including a name of the client, a name of the network service, and a request sent time identifying when the request was sent by the client” for similar reasons. Furthermore, regarding claim 31, Kaler at least does not teach a “message handler” that is called by an API that is configured “to intercept requests sent by the first network service and directed to a second network service, to in a session timing profile store information about the request including a name of the first network service, a name of the second network service, and a request sent time identifying when the request was sent by the first network service, to interject information into the request including a session identification, to transmit the message to the second network service, to receive a response from the second network service, and to store in the session timing profile information about the response including a name of the second network service, a name of the first network service, and a response received time identifying when the response was received” also for similar reasons.

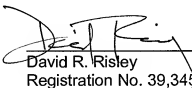
V. Canceled Claims

Claims 16-24 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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